

Introduced by Senator Hancock

February 23, 2012

An act to amend Section 46141 of, and to add Section 46146.5 to, the Education Code, relating to school attendance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1316, as introduced, Hancock. School attendance: early college high schools.

Existing law provides that the minimum schoolday in any high school is 240 minutes, except for, among other entities, an evening high school, a regional occupational center, or a continuation high school.

This bill would also exempt an early college high school from the 240-minute minimum schoolday. The bill would instead provide that a day of attendance for an early college high school pupil is 180 minutes if the pupil is a special part-time student enrolled in a community college under specified provisions, or the pupil is in grades 11 and 12 and is also enrolled part time in classes of the California State University or the University of California. The bill would state findings and declarations regarding the pupils for whom an early college high school is designed and the key elements of an early college high school.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) Early college high schools are innovative partnerships
- 4 between public secondary schools and local community colleges

1 that allow pupils to earn a high school diploma and two years of
2 college credit in five years or less.

3 (b) Early college high schools are small, autonomous schools
4 that blend high school and college into a coherent educational
5 program. Pupils begin taking college courses as soon as they
6 demonstrate preparedness, and the credits earned can be applied
7 toward completing an associate's degree, qualifying for transfer
8 to a four-year university, or earning certification in a vocation that
9 provides a family-sustaining wage.

10 (c) Early college high schools are designed for pupils from
11 communities that are underrepresented in postsecondary education,
12 including pupils who have not had access to the academic
13 preparation needed to meet college readiness standards, pupils for
14 whom the cost of college is prohibitive, pupils of color,
15 first-generation college-bound pupils, and English learners.

16 (d) Early college high schools can be organized and operated
17 in a variety of ways depending on the local needs of the school
18 district, schoolsite, and community college.

19 (e) The key elements of an early college high school shall
20 include, but not be limited to, the following:

21 (1) A commitment to serve pupils underrepresented in
22 postsecondary education.

23 (2) Being created and sustained by a local educational agency,
24 a postsecondary institution, and the community, all of whom are
25 jointly accountable for pupil success.

26 (3) In conjunction with postsecondary institution partners and
27 the community, joint development of an integrated academic
28 program so pupils are able to earn one to two years of transferable
29 college credit that leads to college completion.

30 (4) The opportunity for pupils to earn a high school diploma
31 and at least two years of college credit in five years or less. The
32 two years of college credit should culminate in:

33 (A) An associate's degree.

34 (B) Completion of a vocational or occupational training
35 program.

36 (C) Eligibility to transfer as a junior to a four-year college or
37 university.

38 (5) A personalized learning environment with an effective pupil
39 support network that develops academic and social skills as well

1 as the behaviors and conditions necessary for college completion
2 and maximum pupil success.

3 (6) A location on or near the partner community college campus
4 where college services, facilities, and resources are available and
5 welcoming to pupils attending an early college high school.

6 SEC. 2. Section 46141 of the Education Code is amended to
7 read:

8 46141. The minimum schoolday in ~~any~~ *a* high school, except
9 in an evening high school, *an early college high school*, a regional
10 occupational center, an opportunity school and in opportunity
11 classes, a continuation high school, in continuation education
12 classes, in late afternoon or Saturday occupationally organized
13 vocational training programs conducted under a federally approved
14 plan for vocational education, and for students enrolled in a work
15 experience education program approved under the provisions of
16 Article 7 (commencing with Section 51760) of Chapter 5 of Part
17 28 ~~of this division~~, is 240 minutes.

18 SEC. 3. Section 46146.5 is added to the Education Code, to
19 read:

20 46146.5. (a) A day of attendance for a pupil enrolled in grades
21 11 and 12 at an early college high school is 180 minutes of
22 attendance if the pupil is also enrolled part time in classes of the
23 California State University or the University of California for
24 which academic credit will be provided upon satisfactory
25 completion of enrolled courses.

26 (b) A day of attendance for a pupil enrolled in an early college
27 high school, who is also a special part-time student enrolled in a
28 community college under Article 1 (commencing with Section
29 48800) of Chapter 5 of Part 27, and who will receive academic
30 credit upon satisfactory completion of enrolled courses, is 180
31 minutes of attendance.